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In re Application of James W. Nichol

Serial No.: 09/106,841

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

In the above-noted application, applicant respectfully petitions that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action and the above Petition Fee (Small Entity) are enclosed herewith. (This extension will not extend the time over the statutory period of six months from the date of the Office Action.)

Very Respectfully, Applicant, James W. Nicol

Enclosures: Election dated October 17, 2000 in response to the Office Action, restricting the invention to Invention I, drawn to the apparatus.

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